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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

## Please rewrite claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said water-soluble compound is a composite hydroxide containing said alkali metal element.